

ABSTRACT

Provided is a ratchet wrench for greatly decreasing the amount of wear at sliding-contact surfaces between a shank and a member which is in contact with the shank.

A shank (32) as a rotating member is brought into contact with a friction member (70) formed of a sintered copper alloy, but is kept out of contact with an annular holding portion (20b). By contact of the shank (32) with the friction member (70) formed of a sintered copper alloy, the amount of wear of a sliding-contact surface of the shank (32) with the friction member (70) and that of a sliding-contact surface of the friction member (70) with the shank (32) become extremely smaller than in the prior art. Consequently, it is possible to prevent a lowering of friction of the shank (32) and perform a tightening or loosening work for bolts, etc. stably over a long period.